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The publication is an old document that purports to be evidence of a wide conspiracy theory. While some of its theories are grounded in reality (for example, government surveillance overreach is objectively an important discussion to have) the basis of the document itself is clearly fantastical, especially given the hindsight of computer systems and their abilities in the 1970s, when the document was written. Ultimately it reads like a piece of speculative and political fiction Even if the document were to be taken seriously by its readers, there is little in it to injure the public good – its greatest effect would be a general mistrust of the government, war, and surveillance systems. The document does not pass the 'subject matter gateway' or contain any content of relevance to sections 3A or 3B of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993. It is therefore classified unrestricted. This places no limit on the right to freedom of expression.